

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed on February 8, 2005. Claims 8-18 and 20-25 are pending in the Application. Applicant amends Claims 8, 12, and 20-24. Applicant cancels Claims 11, 13 and 25 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant adds new Claims 26 and 27. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Claim Objections:

Claims 20-24 are objected to because of informalities. Applicant has amended the dependency of these claims to address these informalities. Favorable action is requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b):

Claims 8-9, 11-12, 14-17, and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b). Claims 11 and 25 have been canceled. The remaining rejections are moot in light of Applicant rewriting certain objected to claims in independent form. Favorable action is requested.

Allowable Subject Matter:

Applicant appreciates the indication at Paragraph 4 of the Office Action that Claims 1-7 and 19 are allowed. As now depending from Claim 19, amended Claims 20-24 are also allowable. Favorable action is requested. Claims 10, 13 and 18 were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form, which Applicant has done as Claims 26, 8 and 27, respectfully. Thus, these claims and all claims depending therefrom are allowable. Favorable action is requested.

CONCLUSION

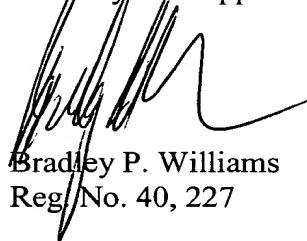
Applicant has now made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for immediate allowance. For the foregoing reasons and for other apparent reasons, Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of all pending claims.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference or an interview would advance prosecution of this Application in any manner, please feel free to contact the undersigned attorney for Applicant.

A check in the amount of \$200.00 is attached. Please charge any fees or credit any overpayment to the Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

Respectfully submitted,

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